



Signature Report

September 3, 2008

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2008-0463.1

Sponsors Gossett and Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to taxicab and for-hire vehicle
2 rates; and amending Ordinance 10498, Section 95, as
3 amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.760.
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Ordinance 10498, Section 95, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.760 are
7 each hereby amended to read as follows:

8 A. The rates for taxicabs licensed to operate in King County shall be established
9 by the King County council.

10 B. In reviewing rates, the council may take into account, among other things, and
11 with the objective of prescribing a just and reasonable rate, the following factors:

- 12 1. The recommendations of the director pursuant to K.C.C. 6.68.740, if any;
13 2. The public need for adequate taxi service at the lowest level of charges
14 consistent with the provision, maintenance and continuation of such service;
15 3. The rates of other licensees operating in similar areas;
16 4. The effect of such rates upon transportation of passengers by other modes of
17 transportation;

5. The licensee's need for revenue of a level which under honest, efficient and economical management is sufficient to cover the cost, including all operating expenses, depreciation accruals, rents, license fees and taxes of every kind, of providing adequate taxi service, plus an amount equal to a percentage of the cost that is reasonably necessary for the replacement of deteriorated taxicabs and a reasonable profit to the licensee; and

C. No taxicab shall have more than one rate on its meter.

Meter rate

2. Per mile: For each 1/10 mile or fraction thereof after

3. For every one minute of waiting time: Waiting time rates are charged when taxicab speed is less than fifteen miles per hour

4. Extra charge for passengers over two persons, excluding

E. Special rates and contract rates.

41 1. Special rates as defined in this chapter shall be calculated as a percentage of
42 the meter rate.

43 2. All special rates must be filed with the director on forms furnished by the
44 director.

45 3. All special rates or contract rates shall be filed once a year at the time of
46 application by the affiliated representative of a service company or by the vehicle
47 licensee in the case of an independent owner.

48 4. Licensees may change any special rate filed no more than once a year.

49 5. Rates for new contracts acquired or changed during the license year shall be
50 filed within two weeks of filing the contract and prior to implementing the contracted
51 rate.

52 F. Every for-hire vehicle licensee shall, before commencing operating, file all
53 rates and charges with the director. All rates and charges shall be conspicuously
54 displayed inside the for-hire vehicle so as to be readily viewed by the passenger. The
55 manner of posting will be prescribed by the director.

56 G. The rates specified in this section shall not apply to transportation of persons
57 provided pursuant to a written contract that establishes a fare at a different rate for
58 specified transportation and that has been previously filed with the director. No contract
59 may include any provision that directly or indirectly requires exclusive use of the
60 transportation services of the contracting taxicab vehicle.

61 H. It is unlawful to make any discriminatory charges to any person, or to make
62 any rebate or in any manner reduce the charge to any person, unless the charge conforms
63 to the discounts or surcharges contained in the filed rates.

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64 I. It is unlawful under the Americans with Disabilities Act to charge a special
65 service vehicle rate which is different from the taxicab rates adopted in subsection D. of
66 this section, except in those instances where the transportation of disabled persons is
67 pursuant to a written contract as specified in subsection G of this section.

68 SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect October 1, 2008.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None